

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 582

By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Layna McCorkle upon being named a 2007 Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Layna McCorkle is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McCorkle was selected as a 2007 Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, nominated for the award by the family of one of her students, Mrs. McCorkle received a bouquet of flowers, a cake, a gift certificate, a polo shirt, and a \$1,000 check to spend on supplies for her classroom; she can now be considered for State Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McCorkle serves with acumen and alacrity as a first grade teacher at Howard Elementary School; an approachable teacher, she believes in being involved in her students' overall lives, not just in the academic side; and

WHEREAS, Layna McCorkle is most grateful for the love and support she has received from her husband, Danny, and her sons, Stan and Wilson; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McCorkle is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, she truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Layna McCorkle truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Mrs. Layna McCorkle upon being named as a Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year, commend her for her efforts on behalf of Tennessee's youth, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.